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Identical letters dated 30 December 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 30 December 2002 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on the activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on 30 December 2002

1. IAEA inspection team

The team, consisting of eight inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours to travel to the site of the Dhat al-Sawari State Enterprise, which is under the direction of the Ministry of Industry and Mining and is located 20 km north of Baghdad. This site had been visited by an UNMOVIC inspection team on 16 December 2002. At the site, the team questioned experts working at the enterprise about its activities, the number and location of its factories, the number of employees and their technical know-how, the production capacity of the enterprise and changes made since 1998. The team inspected the enterprise's factories and warehouses, examined the materials stored in its warehouses and photographed barrels containing raw materials and finished products. From their vehicles, the inspectors measured radioactivity on all the enterprise's sites and roads, as well as in its plants. The team completed its assignment at 1155 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1230 hours.

2. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

(a) One group, consisting of 15 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0845 hours. At 0855 hours, it arrived at the Ministry of Health's Central Health Laboratory, located on Al-Andalous Square in Baghdad. The group met with the site representative to the National Monitoring Directorate and questioned him about the nature of the analyses performed by the laboratory and about changes in its organizational structure. It visited all the laboratory facilities and inquired about the activities taking place there, took an inventory of culture media and closely examined the tagged equipment. The group completed its assignment at 1135 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1150 hours.

(b) A second group, consisting of 14 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0930 hours. At 0947 hours, it arrived at the site of the Crop Protection Office of the Ministry of Agriculture, located in the Abu Gharib area 10 km west of Baghdad. The group inquired about the establishment's activities, the number of people working there, the number of employees holding a doctorate or master's degree, the nature of the cooperation between the Office and other scientific agencies, the origin of the insecticides, the number of agricultural quarantine sites under the Office's supervision, future research and development plans and the number of agricultural aircraft parked at the agricultural airport and used to spread insecticides. The group then inspected all the Office's laboratories and sections. The group completed its assignment at 1120 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1157 hours.

3. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

The team, consisting of 15 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours. At 0920 hours, it arrived at the site of the Nida' State Enterprise of the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC), which specializes in the manufacture of dies. This site has been visited several times by inspection teams since 27 November 2002. The team met with experts working in the enterprise and inquired about changes made since 1998. It inspected all the enterprise's plants, workshops and warehouses and asked questions about the nature of the activities conducted in the production and services plants. The team completed its assignment at 1445 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1525 hours.

4. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

The team, consisting of 15 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours. At 0920 hours, it arrived at the Sumud site in the Abu Gharib area 12 km west of Baghdad. This site belongs to the Karamah State Enterprise of MIC and specializes in the mechanical operation of missile parts and engines with ranges authorized by the relevant resolutions of the Security Council. On their arrival, the inspectors for the first time spread out rapidly among the buildings, workshops and gates, surprising their escorts and the staff working at the site, especially since the head of the team prohibited entry or exit through the main gate or the workshop doors. The team photographed machinery and equipment, examined the tagged equipment, inspected production workshops and questioned the site's experts about the nature of the activities conducted in the production workshops. The team completed its assignment at 1215 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1300 hours.

5. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary (chemical, biological and missiles) inspection team

The team, consisting of 11 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours. At 0925 hours, it arrived at the site of the Qa'qa water treatment project of the Department of Water and Sewerage of Mahmudiya, located on the Euphrates River 60 km south of Baghdad. This project provides water for the Mahmudiya district, the Latifiya sector and neighbouring villages. The team asked the person at the site a number of questions about the office which runs the site, the manner in which the water is treated and the use of chlorine to disinfect the water. It then examined the buildings, pumping stations, pools and chlorine-adding operations. The team completed its assignment at 1050 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1155 hours.

6. Communications group

A group consisting of two inspectors travelled to the Mundhiriya border crossing post on the Iraq-Iran border to familiarize themselves with the area.

7. Remarks

The activities of the inspection teams today were characterized by a large number of participants, with 90 inspectors visiting seven sites. One of the inspections was unusually intrusive, in that, as soon as it arrived at the Sumud site, the UNMOVIC missile inspection team suddenly spread out with unusual speed among the buildings, the entrance to the site and the entrances to the main buildings and all entry and exit was temporarily suspended. The inspectors had immediate access to the sites they wished to visit and received answers to all their questions.